

G-II-A-275

Thistle-Miller-Bender Farm  
Grantsville  
Private

1849

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Insul-brick covers the original wooden siding. The building's foundation and cellar are constructed of stone. A spring is located under the front porch. A stuccoed frame tenant house stands south of the main dwelling.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Thistle-Miller-Bender Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Amish Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Philip Bender

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 105

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21536

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 153

Folio #: 90

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Thistle-Miller-Bender farm is located on a plateau approximately halfway to the summit of Negro Mountain as it rises from Shade Hollow, west of Grantsville.

The two-story frame farmhouse presents five bays on its north facade, and three at the rear. The two-bay deep house includes porches covering the facade and rear. A central entrance opens into either side.

Two over two sash windows light the house. Two four-pane windows light either side of the attic. The cellar is exposed on the south, where a central entrance is flanked by a window to either side. A brick stove-flue chimney heats either gable end. Corrugated metal covers the roof. Insul-brick covers the original wooden siding. The building's foundation and cellar are constructed of stone.

The floor plan consists of a central stair with two rooms to either side. The rooms are divided by wide beaded board partitions. In a closet the originally exposed chamfered joists are visible. 3" by 4" studs frame the walls.

A spring located under the front porch is reached through the cellar.

A stuccoed frame tenant house stands south of the main dwelling. The two story, 3 bay square house has a hipped roof and a central brick stove-flue chimney.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	1849	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Henry Miller
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1849 by Henry Miller, a Mennonite from the German settlement at Springs, PA., north of Grantsville. The house faces the old Braddock Road to the north, about 500 yards south of the National Road. The spring at this house is believed to be the White Oak Spring at which Joseph Mount's late 18th century cabin was located. George Washington recorded a breakfast at Mount's cabin in 1784 in his journal.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

October 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

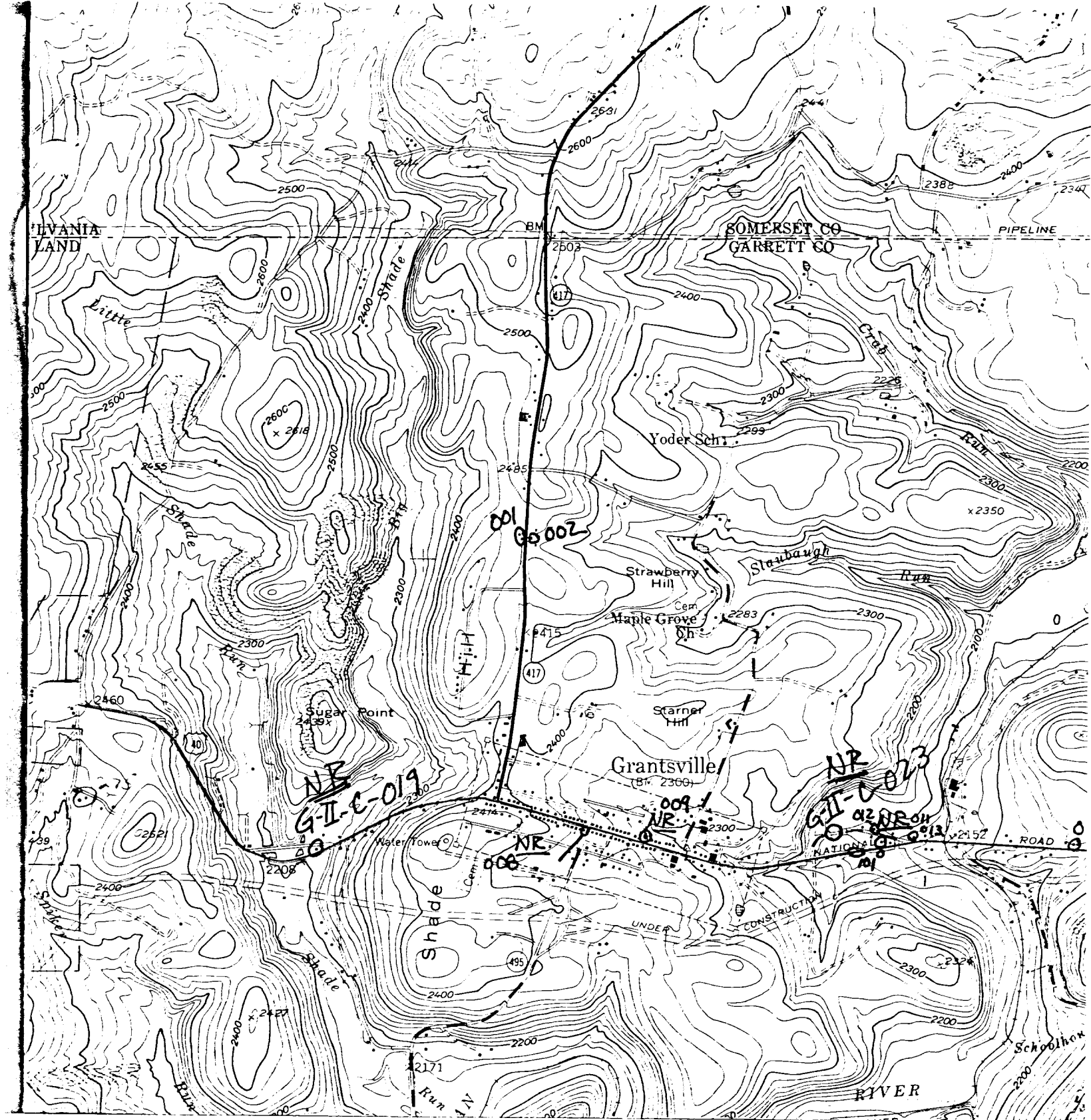
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Maryland 21401

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 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Amish Rd., Grantsville



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Thistle-Miller-Bender Farm

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Facade: NW elevation

FIGURE 107





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S & E elevation